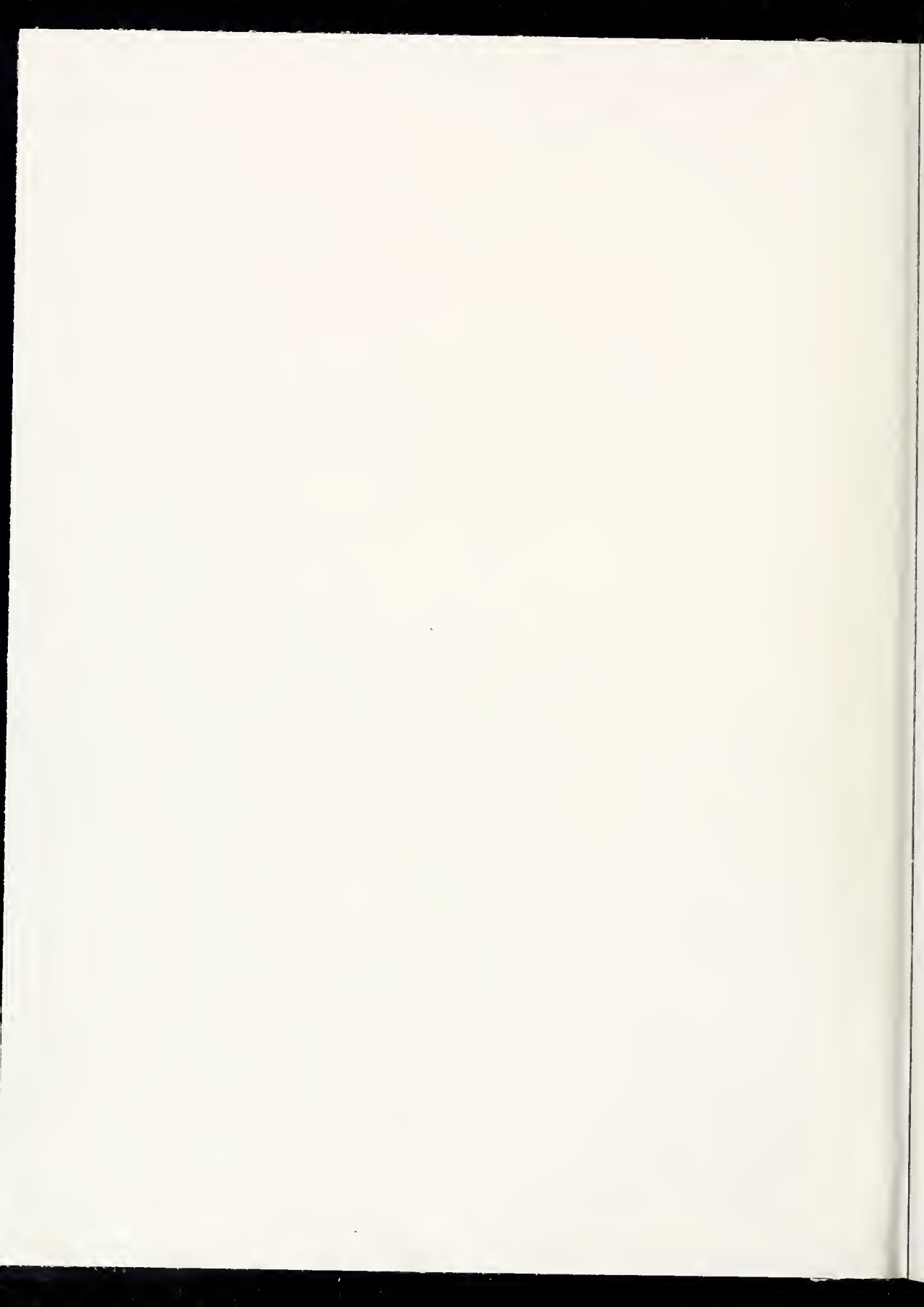
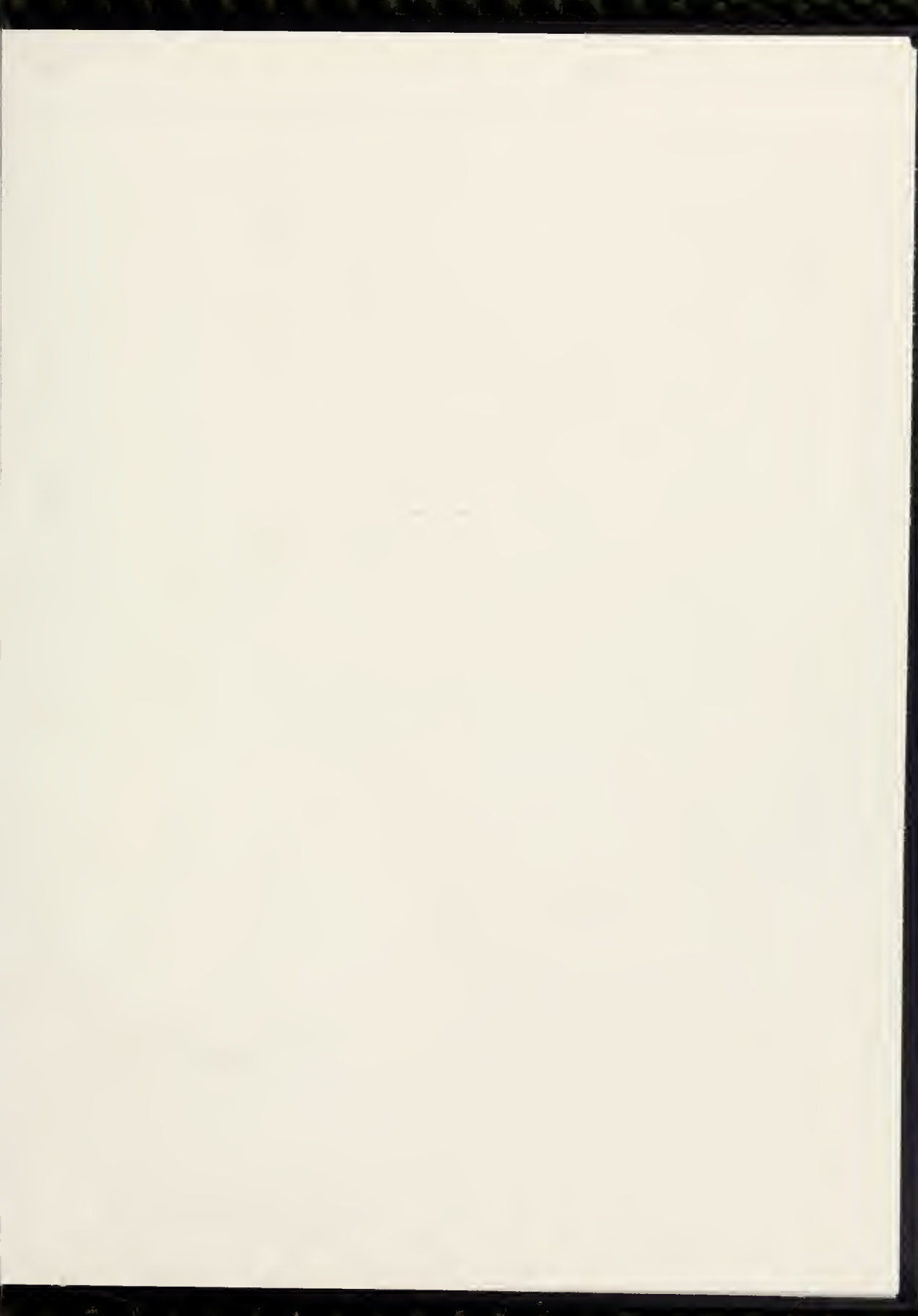


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above:
football games



right:
Chili pepper
eating contest



Steps Towards the Future

As life takes us down its narrow path there are many steps that we must take. Everyone has different steps and different people that take some steps with us.

College is one of those many steps along the way. It is up to us which steps we choose to take. For us, Mars Hill College was the way we choose.

All the people, places, and things we do, define the path ahead. This is just a glimpse of what this year's steps looked like.



Delta Kappa Theta Blood Drives



community involvement at the
unsford festival.



Stepping In

School started on August 26, 2002. The week before, new students got a small taste of student life through Gateway orientation, which included a pool party, a dance, air games, and more.

The returning students got to come back and see all their friends and some new faces, too.



The cloggers dance at the Lunsford festival.



Robin helps decorate the Home-coming float.



The football team plays to win.





Friends gather together before school starts at the freshman orientation.



Sandie and Jared are having fun playing around.



Amy, Aaron, and Jill stop to pose for a picture.



The men's cross country team gathers before a meet.

"All Roads Lead to Mars Hill College"

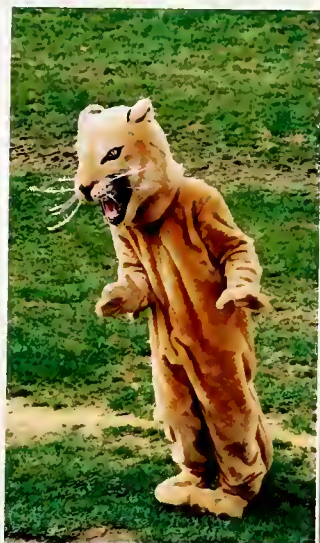
Homecoming is always a very exciting time. Old friends return to experience the joys of Mars Hill.

The week is full of activities, including the Lion's Growl, the Talent

Show, and the Homecoming Parade and Court, which are hosted by Campus Activities Board.

This year's homecoming was October 12th.

Cosmo struts his stuff for the crowd.



The new Step Team shows us what they've got.



Mayor and Mrs. Ray came out for the Homecoming parade.

The football team watches all the Lion's Growl skits.



President Lunsford and wife, wave during the parade.



The cheerleaders get the crowd going.

The MHC football teams heads down the field.



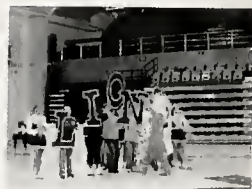
Lion's Growl

On Thursday, October 10, 2002 rain was in the forecast. And, unfortunately, they were right. But rain did not stop the fun, it just delayed it. After sitting out in the rain for a few minutes, the Lion's Growl was moved into Chambers gym. All the organiza-

tions had a great time. Even the new Step Team came out to show off their new moves. After the show, the rain slowed enough to have the annual fireworks display which lasted about twenty minutes. Despite the rain, it was a great evening!

BMC wpm best skit with their race car theme.

BMC looks on while preparing to take the stage.



Delta Zeta shows their "MHC" spirit.

"We are the Champions"



Gamma's MHC
version of Forest
Gump gave everyone
a good laugh.



Delta Zeta's cops come out to "Bad
Boys."



CSM gve their stories about their
raods to MHC.



Homecoming Court 2002

After two long weeks of voting the class representatives were chosen. The count on King and Queen were in and the winners were determined, but not revealed until halftime. The morning started with all the court members riding



The class representatives wave as they go by on the Homecoming court float.

in the Homecoming parade on their float. The senior men representatives that were hoping to win were Shamus Riley, Austin Lee, Chip Oglesby, and Ryan Mulligan. And the title of queen would go to Kristen Robinson, Gretchen England, Sharon Thompson, or Kim Kunce. Last year's King and Queen, Bryan Bland and Meghan Parker, crowned Ryan Mulligan as King and Kristen Robinson as Queen.



Ryan gets his award from last year's king, Bryan Bland.



The court waits their turn to walk.



King and Queen

Ryan Mulligan and
Kristen Robinson



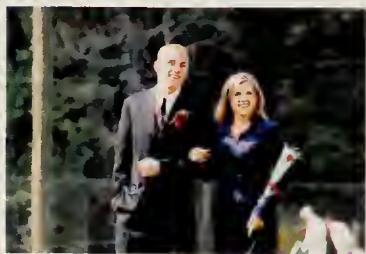
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**Senior Class
Representatives:**
Shamus Riley and
Kim Kuce
(stand in: Sofia Lauren)



**Freshman Class
Representatives:**

Ryan McClure and Danielle Buice



**Sophomore Class
Representatives:**

Jason Aycock and Sierra Belk
(stand in: Joanna Robinson)



**Junior Class
Representatives:**

Levi Freeburg and Denisha Kirk



The Step Team tied for second at the second annual Talent Show.

This band of four played a beautiful song.



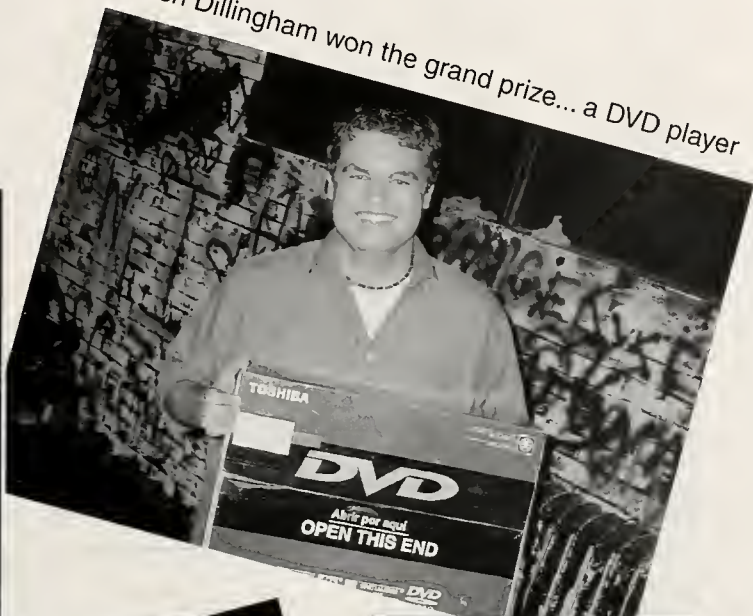
Erin Sinclair shows her talent to the crowd with a song.



Jason Murguz sang Creed's "6 feet"



Josh Dillingham won the grand prize... a DVD player



Sierra Belk gave her best John Travolta impression of "Summer Nights."



Stepping into the Spotlight

The second annual Homecoming Talent Show was a success with 11 participants. The talents were everything from singing to dancing, playing instruments to poetry. Everyone did very well. The grand prize winner was Josh Dillingham. His prize was a DVD player.

Thanks to everyone who came out and performed and everyone who came to watch. See you next year.



Wesley Gribble demonstrated his vocal talent.

Homecoming Parade

Every year the Homecoming Parade drives down 213 to show off all the wonderful floats.

This year there were 24 floats that traveled down the route.

Every organization showed their school spirit and their version of this year's theme: "All Roads Lead to MHC."

The weather was great and the day was full of homecoming fun.



Sigma followed the yellow brick road with their "Wizard of Oz" theme.



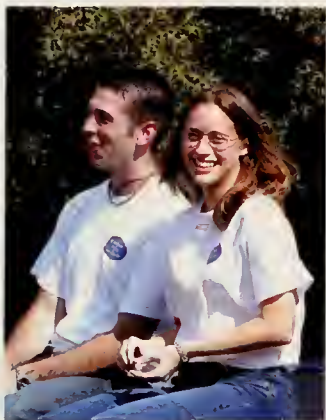
BMC's race car float even had special effects with a smoking car.



Theta Chi on their float.



Gamma rode in their purple and green float.



SGA President Chris Alley and Vice President Jill Atkins waved to the crowd.

Cosmo walked with the band.



Delta Kappa Theta threw candy to the little kids.

The MHC band played as they walked in the parade.





Friends!
Kathryn Hall, Erin Sinclair,
and Sarah Reiff

Brothers
Chip Oglesby, Dan Miller,
and Aaron Slate



Community
The cheerleaders have a
junior cheerleader mascot.



Couples: Jill Atkins and
Ben Jackson at a formal.

Sisters
Lina Gilliam and Angela Thomas

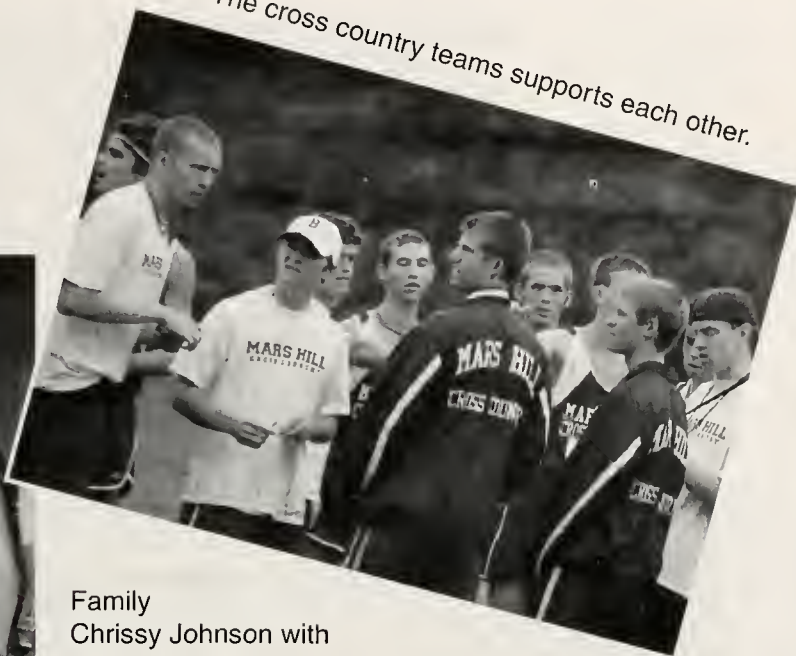


Those Who Travel with US

On our journey we meet many people that help us along the way. These people hold a special place in our hearts and remain there forever.

They can be friends, family, sisters,

The cross country teams supports each other.



Family
Chrissy Johnson with
part of her family.



brothers, community members, faculty or staff, roommates, or significant others, and we couldn't make the journey without them.

The girls gather around to show off their pretty dresses and pose for a picture



Just taking a breather. Ben, Jill, Robin, Ashleigh, Aaron, and Dana sit for a minute. There was even a place to rest your feet.



Dancing with their Sweet-hearts! Shamus and Danielle and Chrissy and Brad stop dancing for a picture. It was fun for everyone.

Ryan and Jenna look like they are having a great time.



Winter Semi-Formal

College is not always about studying. We have fun too!

Every year the Campus Activities Board (CAB) holds the Winter Semi-Formal. This year it was located in downtown Asheville at 'On Broadway'. There was a great turn out. And everyone seemed to have a lot of fun. We danced until 1 am. It was a lot of fun.



Emily McCollin, Teresa Ball, and Shamus are hanging out at the ticket table.

Chip and Hannah show us what they got!



Those Along the Road

Mars Hill College is made up of many people. Without each and every one of us, MHC would not be the same. We each have our own personality, hometowns, families, and beliefs.

But when we get here, we are all family.

The friends that we meet once we get here will last a lifetime and help

us make that long journey. Our time here at Mars Hill can be spent in class, doing homework, spending time with friends, going out to Asheville, working, and much more!

All the people that we come in contact with help us move one step closer to the future.





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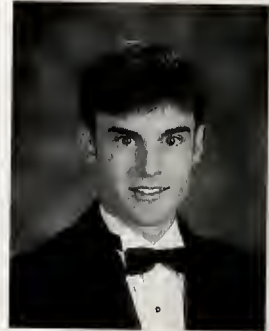
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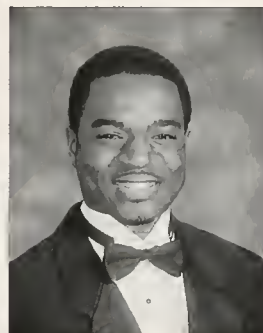
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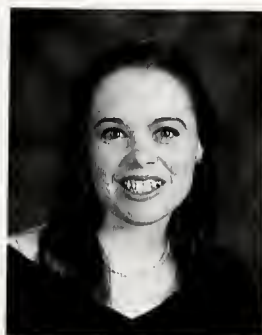
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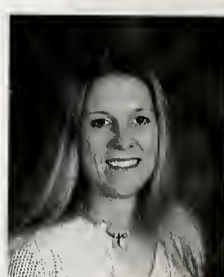
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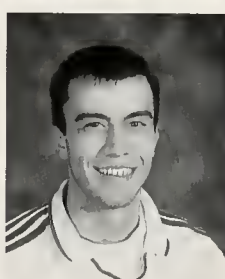
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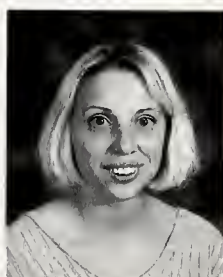
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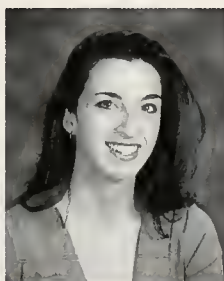
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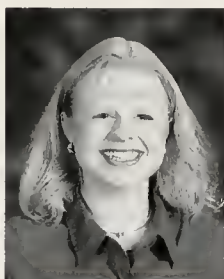
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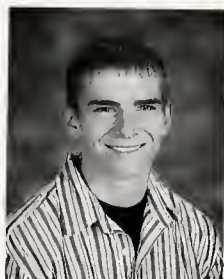
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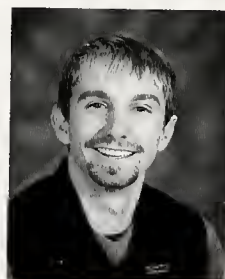
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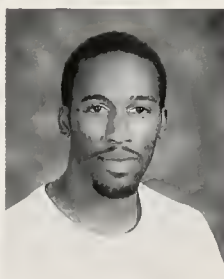
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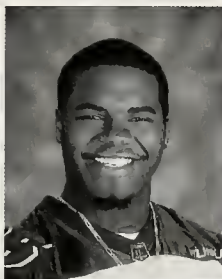


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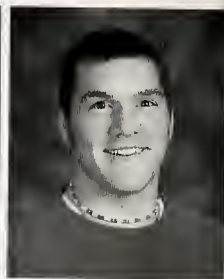
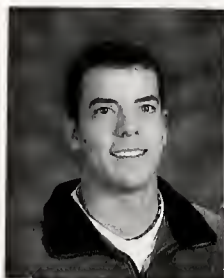


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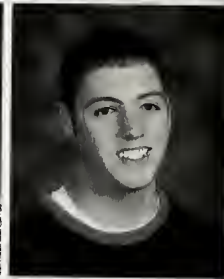
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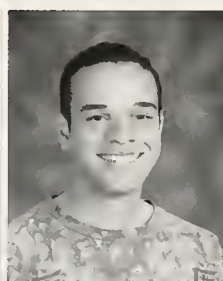


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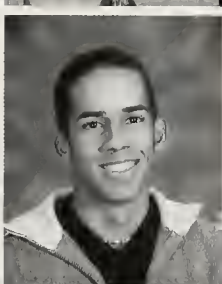
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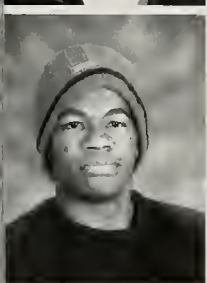
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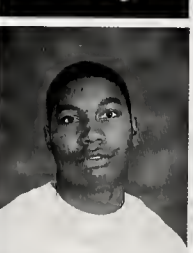
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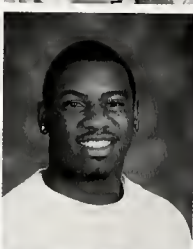
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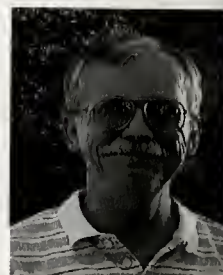
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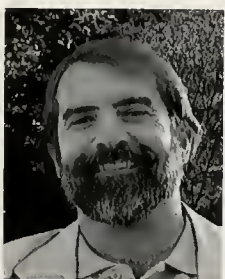
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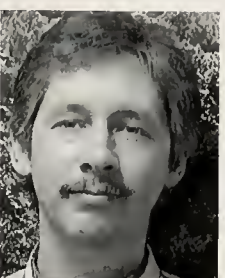
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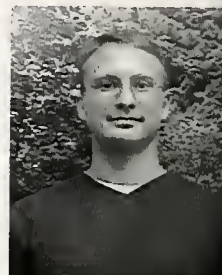
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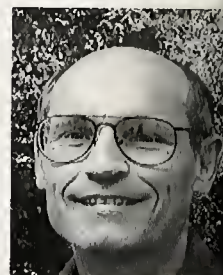
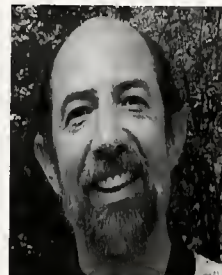
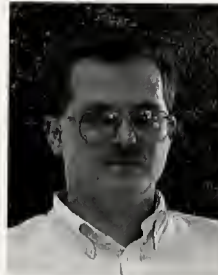
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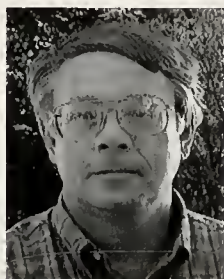
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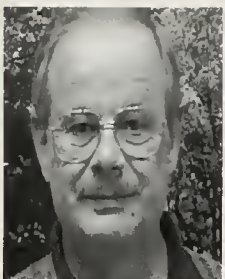
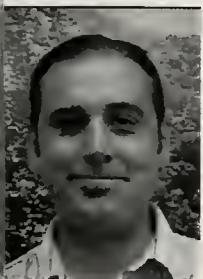
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Working Towards the Same Goal

There are many different types of organizations for us to become involved in here at Mars Hill. There are Greek organizations, academic organizations, interest organizations, religious organizations, and many others.

Organizations are a place for us to be involved with people that have interests similar to our own. These organizations allow us to do service, help others, meet friends, have activities, and much more!



Cloggers perform at the Lunsford Festival.



Gamma in front
of their table.



BMC at the
Homecoming parade.

Campus Activities Board

Campus Activities Board also known, as CAB is a group that provides activities of the student body. Some of their events include: Homecoming, the Winter Semi-Formal, concerts, the Dating Game, Welcome Back dances, caf events, Spring Fling, and more. The board consists of a faculty director, Emily McCollin; a student director, Chrissy Johnson; and four other members, Ashleigh Trievel, Aaron Slate, Joanna Robinson, Nick Felts.



Jordan's Wake! In the fall of 2002 the board brought a great band named Jordan's Wake to the Loft.



Dances are always a great event. The turn out for the Winter Semi-Formal was great and everyone had a blast!

Emily (CAB faculty director) and her supportive husband Nathan.



Chrissy and Ashleigh at the Fall Festival for the local children.

Student Government Association

SGA takes students ideas and complaints and try to come up with a solution. SGA is the voice of the students. Some of there activities include weekly senate meetings and forums.



SGA Executive Board: President- Chris Alley; Vice President- Jill Atkins; Secretary- Talia McCammond; Treasurer- Meghan Parker; Chief Justice- Frank Beacham; Chief of Defense- Lee Cope; Attorney General- Jamie Balance; Chaplain- Denisha Kirk; Parliamentarian- Jeff Jenkins



Senior Class
Officers-
President-
Rocky Oakes;
Vice President-
Sharon
Thompson;
Secretary-
Gretchen
England;
Treasurer-
Richard
Carrington



Junior Class
Officers-
President- Erin
Sinclair; Vice
President- Nina
Gilliam;
Secretary /
Treasurer-
Bree Street



Sophomore Class
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President- Erin Bennett;
Secretary/Treasurer-
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Vice President- Calvin
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Aubrey Carter
Sierra Belk

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Keith Roberts

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Wesley Gribble, RD
Jamie Phillips
Marvin Jenkins
Joel Schick
Benjamiin Tallcott
Bobby Guidotti





Biology Club

President - Alex Ashton
Vice President - Stacy Mark
Secretary - Dana Jolley
Treasurer - Brandi Sigmon

Activities:

Continued recycling program in Fox and Gibson and expanded it to the soda shop and Renfro comp. lab.

River/trail clean up this fall along the Laurel River in Hot Springs/

Educational hike up Bailey Mountain with elementary school children from Mars Hill Elementary.

Tree planting for Earth Day.

Campus clean up.

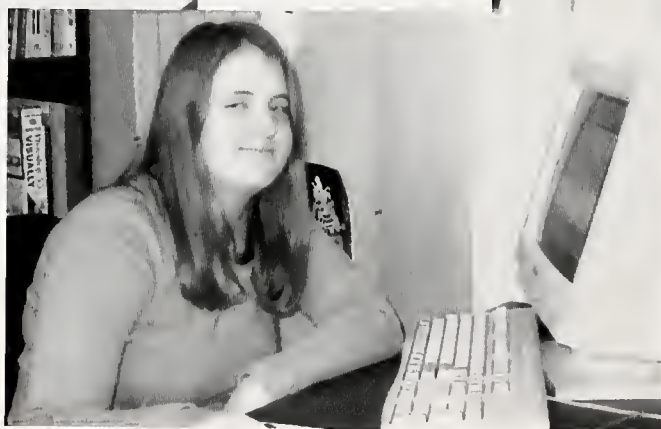
Fund-raiser:

See day planners at the end of the year for next year's students.

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes also known as FCA is made up a group of students that are dedicated to coming out every Thursday to FCA meetings. FCA brings in speakers and has devotions for athletes and non-athletes.

The girls show us how fun FCA is!



Just waiting for the fun to start.





The group is just kicking back and posing for a group photo.



CA is a time for family too.

Friends hang out and learn about the Lord.



With family
whose house
they helped
build at Habitat
for Humanity
(Mission Trip
2002)



Mission Trip 2002



The crew on a Mission
Trip in 2002 all wearing
their "Hug Me" t-shirts

New Beginning Singers

The New Beginning Singers is an organization that is student led and committed to praising God, having fellowship, and offering ourselves through the special ministries of music, testimony, drama, and service. Through their faith in God, they sense that each moment has the potential for

a new beginning. Their advisor is Debra Huff.

Some of the activities that they are involved in are Make a Difference Day, Eliada Home, ABCCM, Salvation Army, Mission Trips, Habitat for Humanity, and Chapel and Church Services.



NBS at the Eliada Home working for a good cause.

Eating and having fellowship on their fall retreat.



NBS at rehearsal for a concert for a local church.

New Direction and Leadership for MHC Instrumental Music

2002-03 was indeed a year of change for Mars Hill and those changes extended to the instrumental music department. Al Corley was hired to take the helm of the MHC band program and with him came a new direction for instrumental music.

The Collegiate Community Band, a focal point of this new leadership, was formed to reestablish ties between Mars Hill College and the community. Instrumentalists in this group included MHC students and faculty, as well as MHC alumni and various other members of the community. Performers gathered for weekly rehearsals on Monday evenings and ended the spring semester with an outdoor concert in May.













Bailey Mountain Cloggers show off its traditional style of clogging.

Shamus Riley shakes a leg while competing in competition.



Bailey Mountain Cloggers

In 1974, the Bailey Mountain Cloggers were formed on the campus of Mars Hill College, making it one of the few college-based performing clogging teams in the nation. The group exist for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating the cultural heritage of the Southern Appalachian Mountains and sharing these experiences with others through their folk art clog dance.

The team is comprised of 50 students from 11 different states with various religious and ethnic backgrounds. During their 28 year history, they have performed throughout the United States, and internationally in Canada, Mexico, Austria, England, Scotland, and Ireland. In 1996 the team danced at the Kennedy Center for the performing arts in Washington, DC. In the fall of 1998, 1999, and 2001, they represented Southern Appalachia in the Ulster-American Folk Festival in Omagh, Ireland.

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Team finale at the annual Lunsford Festival.



The team shows off its modern dance style with Precision.



The team poses for a group photo after winning its 12th. national championship in Maggie Valley.



Jamie Ballance (president) and Felicia Fox (vice-president) goof off in the formal lobby of Fox.



Sarah Puckett, Felicia Fox, and Kim Thompson help to put up the decorations for homecoming.

Sarah Roberts and Sandie Trantham clean a house which will become a domestic violence shelter for Safeplace in Spruce Pine.



Sisters and pledges take a picture with their letters during homecoming. IXA won campus decorations for the second straight year in a row.



Denisha Kirk, Sandie Trantham, Sarah Puckett, Felicia Fox, and Jamie Balance pose with the highest GPA and the most outstanding Greek organization awards at the IGC picnic.



The sisters and pledges get together after bid night activities. They are: Heather Debty, Andrea Farr, Jenny Davis, Sarah Puckett, Felicia Fox, Leigh Anderson, Lacy Patrick, Jenn McClelland, Kim Thompson, Denisha Kirk, Jamie Ballance, Sarah Roberts, Sandie Trantham, Becca Sumerel and (hiding in the back) Danielle Voss

Iota Chi Alpha



Jenny Davis (chaplain), Sarah Roberts (co-big brother coordinator and historian), Felicia Fox (vice-president), and Denisha Kirk (parliamentarian) sit in the overstuffed chair in the Timberline at the beginning of rush week.

IXA is the only Christian sorority on campus. They were established on February 15, 1984. Their advisor is Nancy Fosson. They currently have eight members and all the members hold offices.

Some of the activities that they have done this year were a sister retreat in Spuce Pine, Dance of Independence, and a mission project at Safeplace, the domestic violence shelter in Mitchell county. The purpose of this organization is to set a Christian example in service and sisterhood.

Members:
 President:
 Craig Cook
 Vice President:
 DJ Jenkinson
 Pledgemaster:
 John Walenczyk
 Treasurer:
 Greg Ruffino

Josh Almond,
 Stephen Fitzgerald
 Billy Harrell
 John Deeker
 Lucas Garnto
 Matt Hodge
 Liam Andrews
 Mark Yarborough
 Steve Mullis



Zeta Chi Theta

Zeta Chi Theta was founded in 1986. The purpose of the group is to come together to help the elderly of the community.

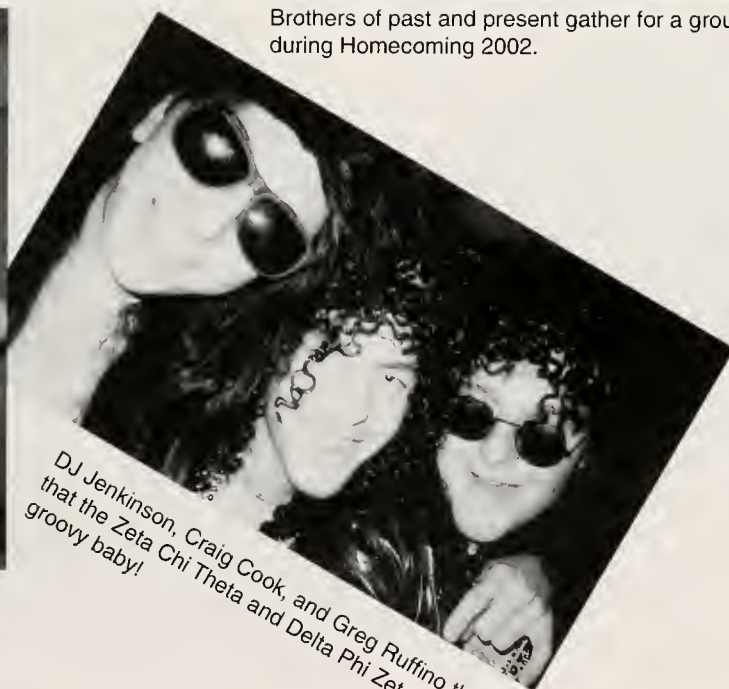
Some of their activities include the Bounce-a-Thon which benefits Alzheimer's and they also volunteer their time at the Madison Manor.



"Grasshoppa!" Looks like Josh Almond, Stephen Fitzgerald, and Lucas Garnto are preparing to meet the master.



Brothers of past and present gather for a group photo during Homecoming 2002.



DJ Jenkinson, Craig Cook, and Greg Ruffino think that the Zeta Chi Theta and Delta Phi Zeta social is groovy baby!

The gamma girls at their annual Big Brother tie picking ceremony.

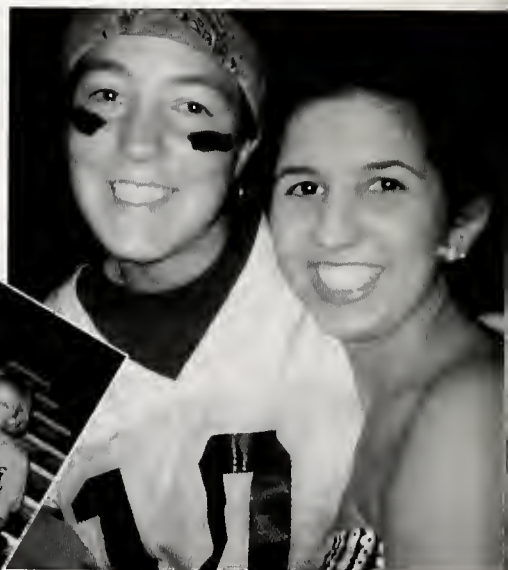


Chelsea gets tackled by Lamar Wilson at the Delta Kappa Theta/Gamma Chi Epsilon mud wrestling event.

Nina, Chelsea, Emily, and Carrie stop to pose for a picture during Bid Night.



The gamma girls in the rain waiting for the Lion's Growl... only to find out it had been moved inside.



Nina Gilliam and Chelsea Long excitedly wait for the Lion's Growl.



The gamma girls gather for a picture at Bid Night Spring 2002.

Gamma Chi Epsilon



The gammas gather at the gazebo before their arewell senior banquet.

Gamma was founded in 1986 with the purpose to serve the college and community through service projects and activities, while promoting sisterhood and scholastic dedication. Weston Burgess advises Gamma. It is made up of women of exceptional character who dedicate themselves to the foremost truths of service, leadership, and academic success. These girls believe that sisterhood promotes pride and unity as well as integrity.

Some of their activities include the second annual Dance for Independence, the Crush Dance, Sock Hop, Fall Festival, Homeless Awareness Sleep out with IXA, Crop Walk, Prison Ministry, Homecoming, and Big Brother Activities.

The brothers get together for a picture while showing their support at the Homecoming football game.



Delta Kappa Theta

Pi Kappa Phi national fraternity was founded at Mars Hill College in 1973. In 1979 they established as a local chapter "Delta Kappa Theta." The fraternity prides itself on being a distinguished organization dedicated to community service, academic excellence, brotherhood enrichment, and supporting the ideals and goals of Mars Hill College. Delta Kappa Theta has been involved this year in their semiannual American Red Cross Blood Drive, red light/green light social with the sisters of Delta Zeta, and Make a Difference Day at Mars Hill Elementary.

Members include: John Rakes, Tommy Keller, Eric Bebbber, Chad Schroeder, Austin Lee, Chip Oglesby, David Riddle, Robey Logan, Shamus Riley, David Maxon, Aaron Slate, Dan Miller, Lamar Wilson, Joe Bland, Rpince Floyd, Josh Keller, and Rose Queen, Carrie Murry.

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Shamus Riley looks around as the fraternity participates in its semester blood drive.

Prince Floyd and Chip Oglesby show off their wrestling skills in the mud.





The brothers of Delta Kappa Theta extend a helping hand in a homeless shelter in Asheville; one of their many service projects participated in throughout the community.



Joe Bland puts a smile on his face while giving blood.



Brothers pose while taking a break from a long days work at the Mana Food Bank.



The brothers of Delta Kappa Theta and sisters of Gamma Chi Epsilon have a mud wrestling social, which was a great bonding experience.



Brothers get together for a picture at their traditional dinner for their end of the year banquet.



EAX sisters get all decked out for the 2002 Spring Banquet.

The Sigma ladies chill out on the couch for Bid Night 2002.



Sigma bids a fond farewell to their seniors at graduation 2002.



When we grow up we want to be just like our big brother!
The sigma sisters dress up like their big brothers.



Tiffany, Diane, Abby, and Allyson pause for a quick pose during the 2002 graduation celebration



Everybody say
"Cheese!" All
smiles at the
Sigma Alpha Chi
Spring Banquet
2002

Sigma Alpha Chi



Sigma Alpha Chi was established in 1965 (oldest Greek organization on campus). EAX is a service and social organization whose main purpose is to provide community service to help those around those them. Some of their activities include: Swing-a-Thon, Scratch & Help, Rock-a-Thon, Independence dance and Powderpuff football.

What's better than
your average party...
a Toga Party!! EAX
and OX Fall Rush
2002.



Ray Bailey, Diane Campbell,
Erin Bennett, Lara Mitchell,
Craig Stepp, Matt Davis, and
Tiffany Thomas strike a pose at
the Big Brother Initiation 2002.

Delta's past and present pose for a picture during their centennial event.



Delta Zeta

Delta Zeta is the only national sorority on campus. They were established in 1902 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Their advisor is Robin Cole. They have 32 members in their organization. Some of the activities that they have are a valentine's social with Sigma, alumnae/centennial dinner at La Paz, red light and green social with Delta Kappa Theta, Greek God, parents weekend rush party, fund-raising for hearing impaired, video scavenger hunt, and downtown after 5. The purpose of their organization is to be philanthropic towards the hearing impaired.



One rush activity was held in "Waikiki". They enjoyed being able to use the renovated pool.

Members Kristen Robinson, Meghan Parker, and Stefanie Grubbs attend the centennial dinner at La Paz.





Wearing the same shirt, the sisters of Delta Zeta pose in front of their homecoming float. Dressing alike showed their unity as sisters.



The girls get together in the clogging studio to enjoy each other's company.



Members:
Kristin Brinson,
Tarshi Burnell,
Meghan Parker,
and Sofia Laurin



Delta Zeta celebrates their centennial at La Paz. This was a time for the sisters to get together and see each other away from the stresses of college life.

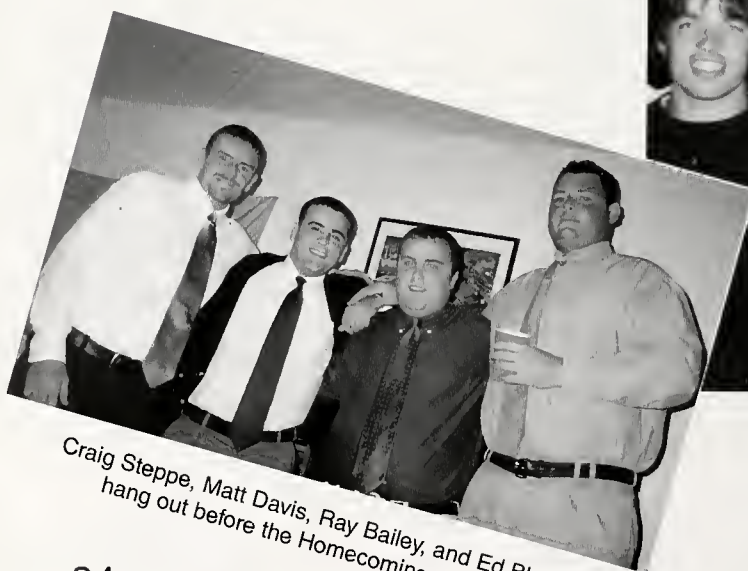


At a rush activity, the Delta Zeta girls pretend they are in Waikiki. They did this in the college indoor swimming pool.



The brothers of Theta Chi hang out before going to support the Lion's football team.

Kevin McMahon, Ray Bailey, and Greg Wied pose for a picture at Kevin's apartment.



Craig Steppe, Matt Davis, Ray Bailey, and Ed Blair hang out before the Homecoming dinner.



The pledge class Pi of Spring 2002: Josh Perry, Jeff Lewis, Craige Steppe, and Robbie Atkinson have a bonding experience.



Theta Chi rides a float while participating in the Homecoming parade.

Theta Chi



Kevin Melvin and Stephen Osborne wear their army gear while hanging out at the town houses.

Theta Chi national fraternity was established April 10, 1856, at Norwich University in Norwich, Vermont, and was established at Mars Hill College, April 11, 1992. The brothers promote brotherhood and friendships that will last a lifetime; to extend a helping hand to all who seek it.

They are active through activities such as homecoming in Asheville with alumni, participating in the homecoming parade, social with Delta Zeta, and cleaning the grounds at Evergreen Charter School.

The sisters gather after a dorm storm in the spring of 2002. They were collecting canned goods to help the hungry.



Delta Phi

Delta Phi is a unique sorority on campus. They were established in 1966. Their advisor is Dr. Jerome May. They currently have eight members.

Some of the activities that they have done include dorm storms to collect canned food for Manna Food Bank, and socials with their big brothers and other organizations. They are a sorority focused around service and being social.





Jamie Eavensen,
Erica Haase, and
Crissy Hollifield
enjoy the
Tennessee
Outlook.



The Delta Phi
sisters before
homecoming.
They had a
rocking good
time.

A dramatic scene
from the production
of **The Elephant
Man** - fall 2003



Cast and crew from Showstoppers musical review **And the World Goes Round** - spring 2002



Children of Eden,
fall 2002
homecoming
musical.

Theatre Arts



Noah and his family from *Children of Eden*.

The Theatre Arts Department had a busy and productive year. Departmental productions included in the spring of 2002, **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, directed by Bill Gregg, and The musical revue **And the World Goes Round**, performed by Showstoppers MHC's musical theatre performance troupe, under the direction of Dewitt Tipton. Students directed one acts were **Black Comedy** by Brad Call and **Agnus of God**, directed by Thomas Felty.

Fall 2002 saw 17 new theatre arts majors join the department to bring the total of theatre arts majors to 33. This is the largest number of theatre majors at Mars Hill since the 70's. Fall productions included **Children of Eden**, directed by guest director Paige Posey, and **The Elephant Man**, directed by Bill Gregg.



Of course we love our big brothers! Felichia Jones and Darrell Clark take a minute to pose around campus.

2002-2003 LOD Officers:
Tara Borders-President;
LaRisha Littlejohn-Vice-
President; Felichia Jones-
Secretary; and Jamie
Barr-Treasurer/Historian



"We are family, I've got my LOD big brother with we!" Jamie and Carlos.



Decorating the football locker rooms for our big brothers is always exciting.



Ladies of Distinction

The Ladies of Distinction organization was established in 1989 by a group of African American females in hopes of bringing unity to the African American women of Mars Hill College. In 1998, the group changed its purpose to bring unity to all females on campus. Our mission is to strengthen and uphold the diversity and esteem of all women at the college.



Here are some of the LOD big brothers chillin' around campus.

A day of recruiting is hard work.

Jamie Barr, a Bonner Scholar, plays around with her little friends at the Boys and Girls Club of Asheville.



Scholars

Mars Hill College has a strong community service base. Many scholarships require that the students do service hours. Some of these are the Bonner, Grayson, Marshbanks, and Church Leaders scholarships.

The Bonner Scholars are the students that are required to do the most service work over their four years at MHC, accumulating over 1600 hours. A lot of great things have been accomplished by these scholars and a lot more will be done in the future.

Students do their service hours in many places such as after school programs, nursing homes, and animal shelters, just to name a few.



Mountain Hopes, in Madison County is always a great place to volunteer.



Laura Jackson and Crissy Hollifield cut brush and bushes on Bailey Mountain to clear the hiking trails.



Even Dean Goforth gets involved with giving back to the community.



Students work at the Habitat for Humanity house in Madison County.

Taking the Steps to Win

Athletics, in many ways, makes up a big part of your college career. Team work is an important part of the climb to success. All the teams work hard to bring victory from MHC.

Practice, practice, and more prac-

tice makes our teams perfect. But teams also need fans to support their effort. Here, at Mars Hill, we have great fans. They aren't afraid to stand in the rain or paint their faces. Supporting the team just comes with pride!



Hard Work!



Fans!

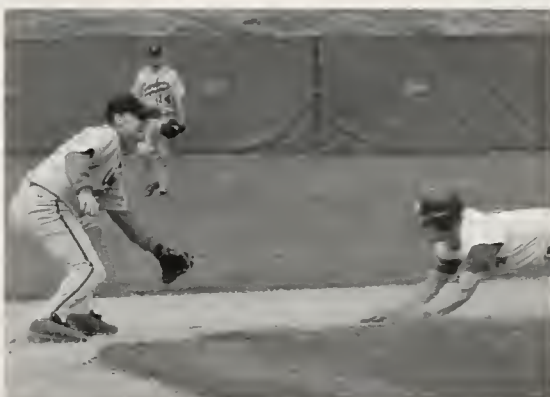


Practice!

Baseball

Baseball

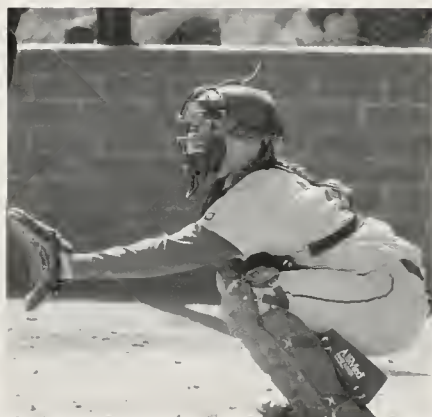








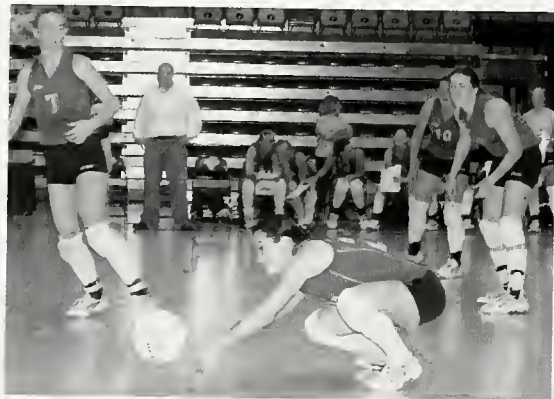
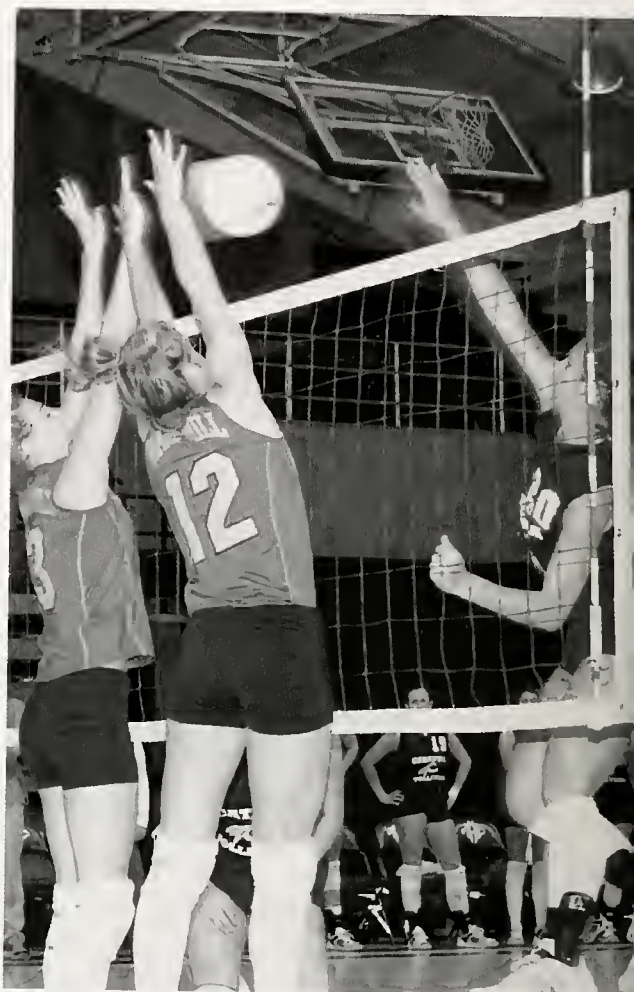
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Tennis









Volleyball



Cross Country

Cross Country









Football









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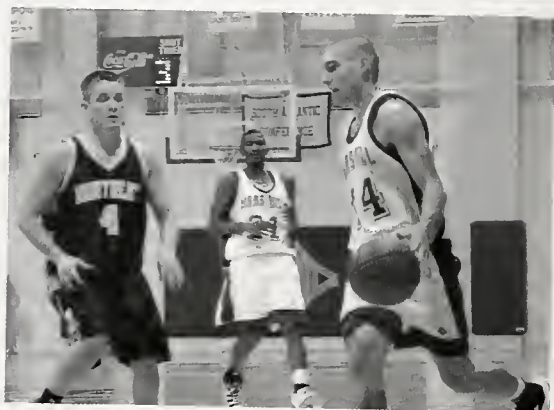


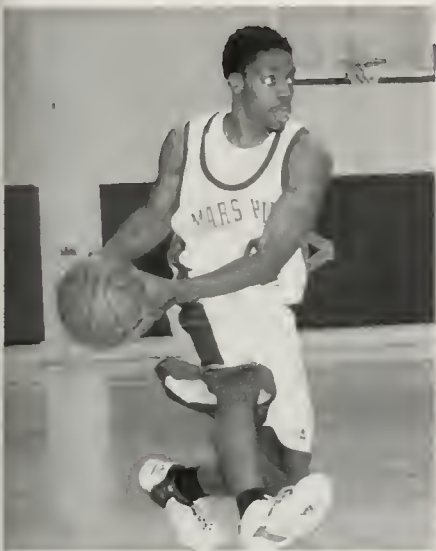
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Women's









Basketball

Men's



Soccer

Women's









Soccer

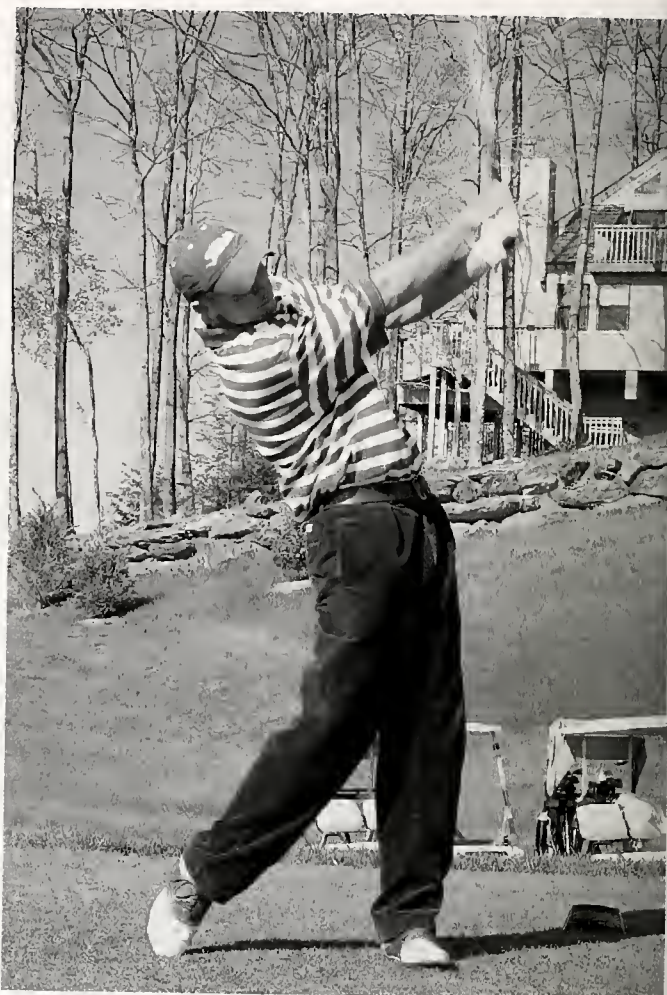
Men's



Track









Golf

Golf



Trainers

Athletic





Cheer

Leading

Looking Back at the Steps We've Taken

Although the year is over and this step is conquered, we take time to reflect and reminisce. It is nice to remember the times what we shared and the people that we spent time with. Like when it rained at the Lion's Growl, the fun we had at the formals, giving blood for the Delta Kappa Theta Blood Drive, the classes we

had to attend, the Homecoming football events, or the thousands of other experiences that we have had.

Everything becomes a memory that we will carry with us as we move up the steps. Life will not be the same because these experiences make us who we are and who we will be...

Mars Hill College Alumni!



Clowning around out west this summer.



Dan, Austin, Jill, and Nina
have fun at the pool.



Heidi, Ashleigh, and Marie
stop to take a picture.

Steps

Towards

the

Future



